

(12)

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

(88) Date of publication A3:  
21.01.2004 Bulletin 2004/04

(51) Int Cl.7: G06F 3/12

(43) Date of publication A2:  
26.01.2000 Bulletin 2000/04

(21) Application number: 99305728.0

(22) Date of filing: 20.07.1999

(84) Designated Contracting States:  
AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LI LU  
MC NL PT SE  
Designated Extension States:  
AL LT LV MK RO SI

(72) Inventor: **Kimura, Mitsuo**  
Ohta-ku, Tokyo (JP)

(30) Priority: 21.07.1998 JP 21991898  
24.06.1999 JP 17847999

(74) Representative:  
**Beresford, Keith Denis Lewis et al**  
**BERESFORD & Co.**  
16 High Holborn  
London WC1V 6BX (GB)

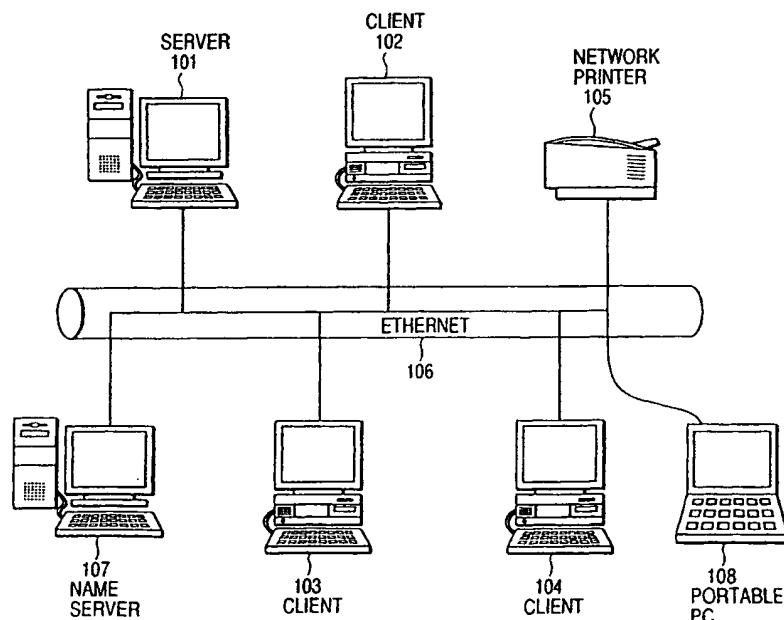
(71) Applicant: **CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA**  
Tokyo (JP)

(54) **Print system, information processing apparatus, print job registering method, and storage medium**

(57) A client PC has a virtual print server service (client) for searching a server on a network and issuing a print request to the searched server. The server has a virtual print server service (server) for searching a printer on the network on the basis of the print request from

the client and registering a print job into the searched printer. Thus, when the client PC temporarily participates in the network and allows the printer connected to the network to print, the troublesome setting in the client PC is unnecessary.

FIG. 2





European Patent  
Office

# EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number  
EP 99 30 5728

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.7)
X	US 5 699 495 A (SNIPP DAVID B) 16 December 1997 (1997-12-16)	1-3, 5, 6, 9-11, 13, 14, 17-19, 21, 22, 25, 30, 33, 34, 37-39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47	G06F3/12
	* figure 1 * * column 2, line 57 - column 3, line 51 * -----		
A	EP 0 691 619 A (RANK XEROX LTD) 10 January 1996 (1996-01-10)	1, 2, 9, 10, 17, 18, 25, 30, 34, 38, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47	
	* the whole document * -----		
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			
Place of search The Hague		Date of completion of the search 26 November 2003	Examiner Weiss, P
<p>CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS</p> <p>X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document</p> <p>T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons ..... &amp; : member of the same patent family, corresponding document</p>			

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT  
ON EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO.**

EP 99 30 5728

This annex lists the patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned European search report. The members are as contained in the European Patent Office EDP file on  
The European Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

26-11-2003

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5699495	A	16-12-1997	NONE	
EP 0691619	A	10-01-1996	GB 2296115 A	19-06-1996
			EP 0691619 A2	10-01-1996
			JP 8137776 A	31-05-1996
			US 6144997 A	07-11-2000
			US 5862321 A	19-01-1999